

Remarks

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. Claims 33-39 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 30-32 and 40-42 are allowed. Claims 1, 14-17, and 19-22 are rejected. Claims 2-13, 18, and 23-29 are objected to. Claims 1, 4, and 17 are amended herein. Claims 2, 14-16 and 18 are cancelled. No new matter is added. The rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

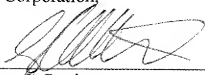
The Examiner will note that the Bynham reference and the present application are both assigned to 3Com Corporation.

Claims 1 and 17 are amended to incorporate allowable subject matter. Claim 4 is amended to correct a clerical error. Claims 14-16 are cancelled.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-3650.

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